











5-day/4-night Chauffeured Bespoke Itinerary of the Bordeaux region

This is purely an *example* of a past itinerary – ask us to personalise your own Bespoke itinerary

 5-days/4-nights.	 3-nights Bordeaux choice of 3* to 5* hotels. 1-night St Emilion 4* boutique hotel.	 Chauffeur driven, in luxury car, by English-speaking guide.	 4 vineyard visits, First Growths tasting and wine blending class.
 2 lunches and 2 dinners included (one at a Michelin-starred restaurant).	 1 st class return train tickets from Paris.	 Bordeaux city walking tour. Cultural tour of Entre-deux-Mers.	 Personalised guidebook sent in advance of arrival.
 2,350€ to 2,850€ per person (depending on accommodation choice).	 Optional additions; cookery class at Michelin-starred restaurant, gift presentation of itinerary scrolled in a Bordeaux wine bottle.		

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Touring Region	Bordeaux city	Médoc – Pauillac, St-Julien & Margaux	Bordeaux city	Entre-deux-Mers and St Emilion	St Emilion & Pomerol
Accommodation	3 night's accommodation, with breakfast, in Bordeaux city at your choice of the 3* Hotel Majestic, the 5* Hotel Yndo or the 5* Grand Hotel de Bordeaux.			1 night's accommodation, with breakfast, at Le Pavillon in St Emilion.	
Activities	<p>Board the 10:28am train from Paris direct to Bordeaux.</p> <p>On arrival at 1:42pm you will be personally greeted by Gourmet Touring & chauffeured to your hotel in the city.</p> <p>After settling in to your accommodation a tasting of 2 of Bordeaux's finest wines each (known as the 'First Growths' – such as Château Margaux and Château Mouton-Rothschild) will be organised for you.</p> <p>Dinner tonight will be a tasting menu at a fantastic gastronomic restaurant frequented mainly by locals.</p>	<p>After breakfast, your guide will chauffeur you up the left bank to the Médoc wine region.</p> <p>Your day will start in the Pauillac appellation with a private blending workshop where you will learn about the different grape varieties and what characteristics they each bring to a final wine. Alternatively this coaching session can focus on the different appellations of the Médoc. Tastings of great wines would be an integral part of each session.</p> <p>Lunch at a lovely small restaurant in Pauillac.</p> <p>After lunch a private tour and tasting will be organised for you at one of Pauillac's most prestigious Grand Cru Classé Châteaux.</p> <p>You will then be chauffeured down the famous <i>Routes des Chateaux</i> passing by some of most impressive châteaux in the world.</p> <p>Your route will conclude in the Margaux appellation where a further private tour and tasting will take place at a Grand Cru Classé Château.</p>	<p>Today has been set aside to explore Bordeaux city. It was voted European best destination of the year in 2015 and has continued developing ever since.</p> <p>In order to discover the city's most historical and architecturally interesting sights a walking tour will be organised for you, in the late morning. Your tour will be private for the two of you so you can steer it in the direction that most interests you.</p> <p>Your afternoon is free to enjoy as you wish.</p> <p>Tonight you will enjoy a gastronomic tasting menu at Gordon Ramsay's Michelin-starred restaurant in the heart of the city.</p>	<p>This morning your guide will chauffeur you through the picturesque Entre-deux-Mers region. This area is often overlooked by visitors yet is the most culturally rich of all. Your driver will adapt your route to your interests, concluding with lunch at a great out-of-the-way countryside restaurant.</p> <p>A cookery class, followed by lunch, at a Michelin-starred restaurant could alternatively be organised for you this morning.</p> <p>This afternoon you will continue on to St Emilion where you will check-in to your new place of accommodation. St Emilion is the prettiest town in the region and as such an overnight stay is a must.</p> <p>A private visit and tasting to a St Emilion estate will be organised for you for this afternoon and the rest of the day will be kept free to explore St Emilion town.</p> <p>Dinner suggestions will be given and a table can be pre-booked for you upon request.</p>	<p>St Emilion town is a very romantic place to wander around, first thing in the morning, before visitors from Bordeaux city arrive.</p> <p>At the end of the morning your guide will drive you to a small Pomerol estate. Here you will have a vertical tasting of numerous excellent vintages of their wine.</p> <p>At the conclusion of your visit you will be chauffeured back to Bordeaux to catch your 1:18pm train back to Paris.</p>
Pre-paid Meals	Evening meal (excl drinks) at a wonderful gastronomic restaurant in Bordeaux.	Lunch (excl drinks) in Pauillac.	Evening meal (excl drinks) at Gordon Ramsay's Michelin-starred restaurant in Bordeaux.	Lunch (excl drinks) at a countryside restaurant in Entre-deux-Mers.	



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Accommodations

As requested we have detailed below a choice of differently priced accommodations in Bordeaux. A simple but very well executed 3-star hotel and two choices of 5-star hotels. The 5-star hotels each offer a very different experience from the other; one is a contemporary small boutique hotel and the other is an opulent large building with traditional luxurious furnishings.

First place of accommodation – 3-star option

Hotel Majestic offers the best value for money in Bordeaux city. In addition to its great value one of its key benefits is that it is so centrally located. It offers clean, effective, comfortable accommodation right in the heart of the city and the staff are really lovely. A superior double room will be booked for you and breakfasts and local tourist taxes are included in our quote.

First place of accommodation – 5-star contemporary option

The newly opened Hotel Yndo, it is a small boutique hotel with only 12 rooms. Each room is unique and the attention to detail that has been put into the design of each room is unparalleled. One of their large and funky “Crazy” category of rooms will be booked for you and breakfasts and local tourist taxes are included in our quote. 150€ per person can be deducted from the price if you choose to stay in a smaller “Cosy” room.

First place of accommodation – 5-star traditional option

Grand Hotel de Bordeaux in the centre of Bordeaux city is an exquisite place to stay, with everything that Bordeaux has to offer on its doorstep. A deluxe double room will be booked for you and breakfasts and local tourist taxes are included in our quote.

Second place of accommodation

Your last night will be spent in St Emilion at Le Pavillon located in the heart of the town. This is a beautiful boutique hotel whose standards easily surpass those of others in the town, apart from the more costly Hostellerie de Plaisance. It has lovely views across the vineyards, super king sized beds, beautiful en-suite bathrooms, air-conditioned rooms and the English speaking couple that run it understand what customer service means and deliver it in spades. A superior room will be booked for you and breakfasts and local tourist taxes are included in our quote.

Chauffeuring, guiding & train travel

Private chauffeuring and guiding will be provided on all the specified days. You will be chauffeured in a large luxury vehicle, driven by an English-speaking guide who has extensive knowledge of the area. All the chauffeur’s fees, meals, fuel charges parking and tolls are covered by Gourmet Touring and included in the price stated below.

Two first class, return train tickets from Paris to Bordeaux will be pre-booked for you and sent to you with your touring guidebook pack.

Pricing

The total price of the itinerary described on the previous pages is 2,350€ per person (staying in the 3-star hotel in Bordeaux)
or 2,850€ per person (staying in either of the 5-star hotels in Bordeaux).

The cost of chauffeuring & guiding services throughout the specified parts of the programme, all specified meals, vineyard visits, tours, tastings, wine class, accommodation, breakfasts, first class train tickets from and back to Paris, and a personalised touring guidebook are covered by Gourmet Touring.

Payment

A 20% deposit is required upon booking with the balance payable 8 weeks before departure.

Payment can be made by electronic transfer or by settling a PayPal request (which you can pay by credit card). Please note that no surcharges are made by us for payment by electronic transfer, but a 2% surcharge contribution is charged for payments by PayPal.